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50 cents beyond 75 miles

CAL Unveils New Rocketbooster fuel Prototype

Columbia and NASA flying high on Bubbly as propellent of the future. Celebration planned.

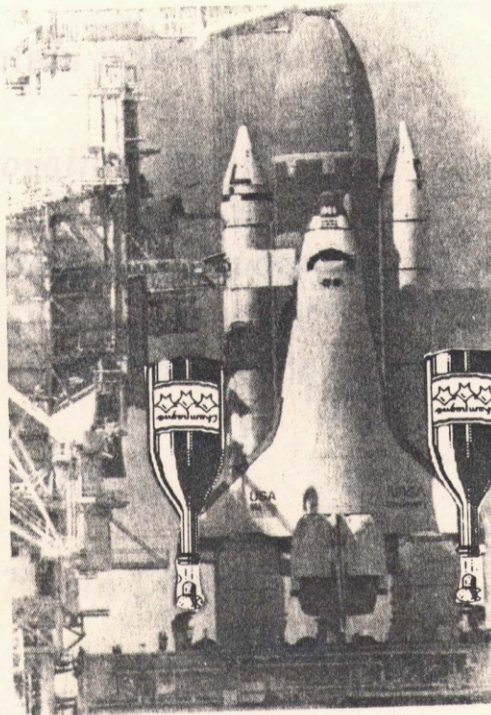
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NEW YORK, October, 17 — The Columbia Astrophysics Laboratory, long one of NASA's most creative University-based research centers, announced today a breakthrough in the competition to design a new generation of boosters for the Space Shuttle. Dr. Robert Novick, Professor of Physics and Co-Director of the Laboratory, made the announcement today, accompanied by Dr. Charles Pellerin, Director of the Astrophysics Division at NASA Headquarters.

"This will assure our promising young graduate students, brilliant post docs, and distinguished faculty an opportunity to fly their innovative experiments and uncover the secrets of the Universe," Novick said.

Professor David J. Helfand the other Laboratory co-director effused: "Let's Party." ■



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The prototype bubbly propellent above was unveiled today at the opening of CAL.